THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P.M. SAYEED): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) A statement about crime against women is enclosed as Amexure [*See Appendix 174 Annexure No. 35*] Information regarding action taken by the State Governments in individual cases is not maintained by the Central Government.

(d) The Resolution relating to atrocities against women adopted by the Rajya Sabha on 24-3-95 was sent by the Home Minister to all the Chief Ministers of the State Governments and to U.T. Administrations, emphasising the need for early implementation of the Resoulation. Twelve State Governments have so far responded to the Home Minister's communication and have assured the Central Government of their commitment to check crimes against women.

Monitoring of State-by-State Pollution Level

1604. SHRI YERRA NARAYANA-SWAMY: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased state:

(a) whether State-wise pollution levels are being monitored;

(b) if so, the mechanism used to monitor pollution on State-wise bases;

(c) whether monthly reports are compiled by such a system; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS SHRI (KAMAL NATH): (a) and (b) Pollution levels are being monitored in various parts of the country under the National Ambient Air Quality Monitoring (NAAQM) Programme. There were, in all 208 stations operating under the above programme in various States in the country as on 31st March, 1995. These stations are operated through the respective State Pollution Control Boards (SPCBs), National Environmental Engineering Research Institute (NEERI) and Centre Pollution Control Board (CPCB).

Inland water quality is monitored through a network of 480 stations of which 398 stations are for rivers, 39 for lakes, 27 for ground water sources and 16 stations are at various other locations. In addition, under the Ground Water Quality Project, 134 locations have been identified in 21 critically polluted areas in the country by the CPCB, where sampling and analysis has been initiated through the State Ground Water Boards from 1993.

(c) and (d) Statistically analysed data and the corresponding interpretative reports are prepared and published by CPCB anually.

Loss in freight revenue

1605. DR. BAPU KALDATE: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Indian Railways is losing freight revenue heavily due to carelessness of officials to measure bulk cargo handled; and

(b) the estimated loss on account of excess loading of coal that brings no revenue to the Railways?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C.K. JAFFER SHARIEF): (a) and (b) Adequate steps are taken by the Indian Railways to ensure that there is no overloading of wagons by arranging weighment at the booking/destination point and in cases where weighment facility is not available at those points, then weighment is done enroute. Whenever overloading is detected, penal freight charges, as per rules, are realised.

Amounts spent on Combating Terrorism

1606. SHRI S. MADHAVAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) how much amount has been spent by the Central Government to contain terrorism in various states, during the past five years; and

(b) whether these amounts are being recovered from the State Governments and if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P.M. SAYEED): (a) and (b) Assistance to states for improving their police related infrastructure is

provided (i) under the Scheme for Modernisation of State Police forces and (ii) on proposals requesting assistance for meeting special problems being faced by various states.

During the last five years 1990-91 to 1994-95, an amount of Rs.120 crores was released to the state governments under the scheme for modernisation of state police forces. Assistance under the scheme is 50% loan and 50% grant-in-aid. The amount of loan is recoverable in 25 years. For meeting special problems such as anti-militant operations/security related activities, an amount of Rs. 535.96 crores was released to various states during the last five years. Since this assistance was in the form of an ad-hoc grant, the amount is not recoverable.

Faulty Telephones in Delhi

1607. SHRI INDER KUMAR GUJARAL: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of telephones which have been rendered out of order during the current monsoon in Delhi;

(b) what steps Government have taken to restore these telephones;

(c) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a news item appearing in the Navbharat Times of 24th July, 1995 containing details of a large number of telephones which have been lying faulty for period varying from 15 days to one year;

(d) if so, what steps Government have taken to restore these telephones, giving details of action taken in each case; and

(e) what steps Government have taken to improve the functioning of otherwise deteriorating fault repair service in telephone exchanges in Delhi?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATION (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) Around 68876 telephones were out of order due to ingress of water/ moisture in the underground cables during monsoon season in the months June, July and August 1995 (till date) out of the total of 1130538 telephones working in Delhi. This comes to around 2/3 faults/100 stations/month.

(b) Immediate action was taken to localise the cable faults by using sophisticated cable fault locators and restoration work was taken up immediately. This work at the site continues non-stop until the fault is cleared. Additional manpower was also made available by way of diversion from construction organisation.

(c) Yes Sir.

(d) About 85% of the telephones are made functional within three days and upto 99% faults are cleared within a week's time. Remaining 1% faults are normally due to complicated cable faults which are also cleared as early as possible. All the faulty telephone numbers which appeared in the newspaper report have since been set right.

(e) Computerisation of fault repair service has been undertaken in a big way. This will provide very effective and easy monitoring of the progress of fault repair service. To supplement the existing complaint booking service Voice Mail Box has also been introduced for all the exchange levels.

अनिवासी भारतीयों द्वारा गुजरात में खाद्य प्रसंस्करण उद्योगों की स्थापना

1608. श्री गोपाल सिंह जी. सोलंकी: क्या खाद्य प्रसंस्करण उद्योग मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) गुजरात में खाद्य प्रसंस्करण उद्योगों को स्थापना करने के लिए, वर्ष 1994-95 और 1995-96 के दौरान अनिवासी भारतीयों से प्राप्त प्रस्तावों का जिलावार ब्यौरा क्या है;

(ख) खाद्य प्रसंस्करण एवं मत्स्य-ग्रहण क्षेत्र में विदेशी पूंजी निवेश को आमंत्रित करने के लिए विदेशी निवेशकों को दिए जा रहे प्रोत्साहनों का ब्यौरा क्या है;

(ग) क्या भारतीय उद्यमियों को भी विदेशी निवेशकों के समान रियायतें दी जा रही हैं;

(घ) यदि नहीं तो इसके क्या कारण हैं; और

(ङ) इस संबंध में असमानता को दूर करने के लिए सरकार क्या कदम उठाने का विचार रखती है?

खाद्य प्रसंस्करण उद्योग मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री तरूण गोगोई): (क) गुजरात राज्य में खाद्य प्रसंस्करण उद्योगों की स्थापना करने के लिए अनिवासी भारतीय निवेश प्रस्तावों जिन्हें वर्ष 1994-95 और 1995-96 (जून, 1995 तक) मंजूर किया गया का ब्यौरा संलग्न विवरण में दिया गाय है। **(नीचे देखिए)**